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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GUB INVITATION TO THAI NARCOTICS OFFICIALS

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1. WE WONDER IF IT WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THE DEA REP, WHEN HE COMES OVER ON HIS FIRST VISIT UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WE HAVE WORKED OUT WITH THE GUB (WE HAVE ASKED THE GUB FOR A CONVENIENT DATE AND SHOULD BE HEARING SHORTLY) TO DROP THE NECESSARY HINT ABOUT THE EAGERNESS OF THE THAI OFFICERS TO VISIT RANGOON. THE DEA MAN COULD MENTION THIS IN A PERFECTLY NATURAL WAY, AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION, AND IF THE BURMESE SHOWED A LACK OF RECEPTIVITY THE MATTER COULD BE DROPPED, AND NO HARM DONE.

2. FOR US TO GIVE THE NUDGE WOULD BE AT ONCE TO ASSOCIATE THE USG WITH THE PROPOSITION AS A KIND OF GO-BETWEEN, WITH AT LEAST SOME RISK OF APPEARING TO THE TOUCHY BURMESE TO SPONSOR, PATRONIZE, OR MEDDLE. HAVING THE DEA MAN DROP THE HINT IN THE WAY SUGGESTED WOULD NOT ONLY MINIMUZE THE RISK OF ADVERSE REACTION BUT ALSO HELP BUILD UP A USEFUL ROLE FOR THE DEA AND ESTABLISH ITS CREDENTIALS, AS IT WERE.

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